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REMARKS

Administrative Overview

Prosecution of claims 1-12 was reopened in response to the "PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW" filed by the Applicants. Claims 1-12 are now rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 12 are hereby amended without adding new matter. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-12 are presented for examination.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephone conference conducted on 11/10/2005 during which proposed amendments to the claims were discussed. Also, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-12 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-12 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent it is maintained over the claims, as amended.

Independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 12 are amended herein to further described what a path is, what a strip is, and how the path and strip are related. Applicants respectfully disagree that the Applicants' specification does not sufficiently describe a "path" and a "strip." Applicants call the Examiner's attention to at least paragraphs 0016, 0032, 0061, 0062, 0064, 0065, 0066, 0067, and their associated Figures.

Independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 12 are amended herein to further described what a quantized angle is and the relationship between the quantized angle, the path, and the plurality of strips. Applicants respectfully disagree that the Applicants' specification does not sufficiently describe a "quantized angle." Applicants call the Examiner's attention to at least paragraphs 0016, 0020, 0061, 0063, 0064, 0065, 0066, 0067, and their associated Figures.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this statement. However, if the Director considers a fee due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1721, under Order No. 2006579-0039 (CTX-072) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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